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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Lloyd W. Johnson, Jr., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pekin, IL, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will.

Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy name we entrust the authority of government, especially the Members of this House of Representatives, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the Earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992 to extend the authorization of the Assassination Records Review Board until September 30, 1998.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will receive five 1-minutes on each side.

### WELCOMING REV. LLOYD W. JOHNSON, JR.

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, we are privileged to have Rev. Lloyd W. Johnson, Jr., as our guest chaplain today. A native of Hartford, CT, Reverend Johnson has served as a priest of the Episcopal Church for 30 years. He is presently the Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pekin, IL, which is in my district.

Born to Lloyd and Vera Johnson in 1939, he was raised in Connecticut and Vermont. In 1963, Reverend Johnson graduated from the University of Miami with a degree in business administration. He later was awarded his master of divinity degree from Nashotah House, a seminary of the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin.

Ordained to the ministry in 1966, he has served congregations of the Episcopal Church in southern Florida and in central Illinois.

Now Reverend Johnson is married to Jane Fontaine Gray, and together they have raised three children: A son, Mark, who toils in the House of Representatives as deputy chief of staff to

our friend, the gentleman from Tennessee, Congressman ED BRYANT; Andrew, living and working in New Orleans; and Mary, living and working in San Antonio.

Above and beyond his ministerial duties, Reverend Johnson and his wife have devoted the majority of their free time to supporting the establishment of marriage through volunteer service in the ministry of Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in welcoming Reverend and Mrs. Johnson to this Chamber and in thanking him for his words of thanksgiving and prayer. Welcome, Reverend Johnson.

### TAX RELIEF ACT OF 1997

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to point out to my colleagues that yesterday the House cast a vote for the future by passing the first balanced budget in 29 years. This will give our children and grandchildren lower taxes, lower interest rates, more economic opportunity.

Today we cast a historic vote for America's families by passing the first tax cut in 16 years. Think of it. Tiger Woods was 5 years old the last time we had a tax cut. That is how long it has been. And while he was growing up, we had tax increase after tax increase. Now, finally, he wins the Masters and we win taxes, as time goes on. So I think that the people have a good reason to be interested and excited.

Those of our Members and those of the public who are interested, we have a new website, [Speakernews.house.gov](http://Speakernews.house.gov), which I recommend because one of the goals of this Congress is not only to return your money to you, but to return your Government to you by giving you the information that you can gain access to, so you do not need a lobbyist,

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